

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0033] with the following amended paragraph:

[0033] Encoder 120 also generates pixel reference value sets 350_i having a number of references $350(a)_i$ - $350(d)_i$. According to one embodiment, four (4) reference pixel values $350(a)_i$ - $350(d)_i$ are generated corresponding to the highest color intensity values of red, green, blue and black within a video frame 210. As used herein, black is taken to be a maximum color saturation of red, green and blue. The reference pixel values $350(a)_i$ - $350(d)_i$ are raw data values, as provided to the encoder 120. **Figure 3** shows an example of a pixel reference value $350(a)_i$. Pixel reference value $350(a)_i$ includes a red color value $350(a)_i(1)$ a green color value $350(a)_i(2)$, a blue color value $350(a)_i(3)$ a luminance value $350(a)_i(4)$, and a chrominance value $350(a)_i(5)$, a luminance value $350(a)_i(4)$, and a chrominance value $350(a)_i(5)$. The values may represent the highest interesting red, green, blue, or black pixel in video frame 210, is pixel number 1, then the values 625, 350, 205, 620, and 725 will be stored as pixel reference value $350(a)_i$ (1-5), respectively.